



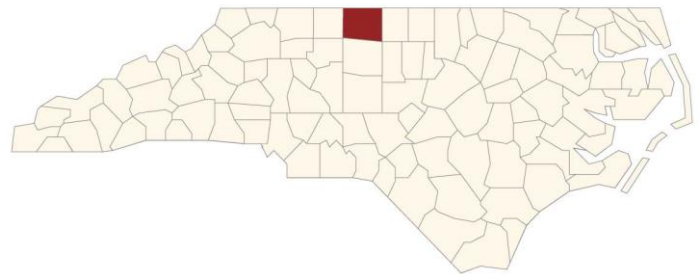
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Rockingham County

Rockingham County received more than \$102 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Rockingham County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
1,438



Small Business Jobs:
19

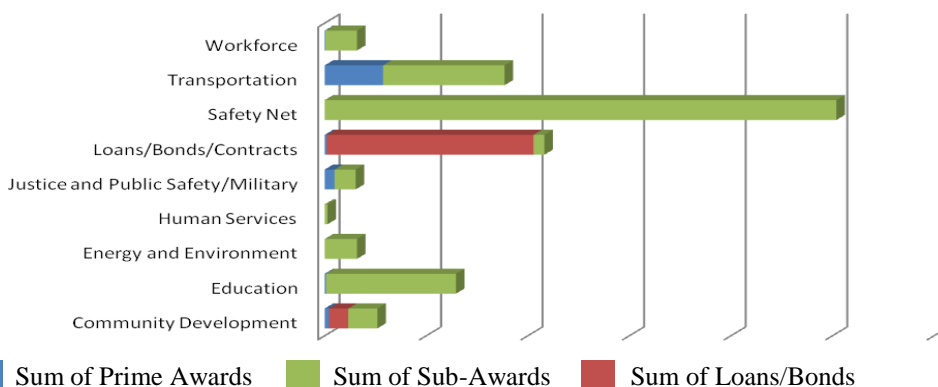


Appliances rebated:
181



Family homes financed:
79

Rockingham County Totals



Rockingham County,
pop 93,643 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:

Grants: \$ 80,482,193

Loans: \$9,713,046

Bonds: \$12,527,113

Total: \$102,722,352



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Rockingham County schools received \$27.5 million in education funding, including \$3.1 million in Special Education funds, \$2.4 million in Title I funds, \$8.3 million in SFSF funds, \$1.6 million in Race to the Top funding and a \$10.2 million bond allocation.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Rockingham County, Rockingham Community College had 1,438 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$1.7 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Rockingham County, 79 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$7.5 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Rockingham County retailers sold 181 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Rockingham County, 4 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth \$364,700. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 19 jobs. Additionally, the USDA Business and Industry Program provided a loan to East Coast Entertainment worth more than \$1 million dollars that saved or created 7 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Rockingham County, \$73,915 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this

program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Rockingham County, car dealers sold 165 cars worth \$3.5 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Rockingham County, \$1,291,964 was awarded to multiple entities in JAG funds.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

In Rockingham County, the City of Eden, The town of Madison, the Town of Reidsville, and the Town of Stoneville had 6 officers were funded through COPS Grants. These grants were worth \$800,000. In addition, the Governor's Crime Commission provided \$4,000 per grant to help outfit and equip each new officer.



Broadband Programs

The Recovery Act funded two dedicated high-speed broadband programs, the USDA's Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP), and the US Department of Commerce's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). The BIP focused on the creation of new service or the expansion of existing services in rural areas, while the BTOP focused on statewide or regional development of important broadband infrastructure.

Rockingham County received a Broadband Data and Development grant from BTOP worth \$34,199.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Rockingham County, the city of Eden received a \$700,000 grant for improvements to water and sewer systems.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Rockingham County, \$814,300 was awarded to install and operate a methane collection system, carbon credit verification equipment and electricity generators and electricity interconnect upgrades. Total cost of the project is \$1.9 million.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Rockingham County residents received \$38.8 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$6.1 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$5.3 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Rockingham County received more than \$120,000 for Head Start Programs.

Rockingham County Feature Story

Rockingham County builds new Douglass Elementary with Recovery Opportunities.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act placed a special emphasis on infrastructure projects as a way to immediately impact jobs in the engineering and construction sectors, and as a way to make important, lasting impact in communities. There were several mechanisms for this type of investment, additional funding for the USDA's Community Facilities program, additional funding for water and sewer programs in states, special competitive grant programs for high-demand bridge and road projects, and a historic high-speed rail program to connect large metropolitan areas, to name a few.

The Recovery Act also established several new bond programs with zero or very low interest to allow state, local, and private entities to design construction and renovation projects at the ground level where these projects would have the most impact on a local economy. These bond programs gave the green light to many long-awaited projects across the state, including the development of new libraries, hospital facilities, recreational facilities, the construction of new schools, highways, water systems, and improvements to a host of critical infrastructure. All told, North Carolina entities used more than \$3 billion in Recovery Act bond capacity.

The Recovery Act provided \$24.8 billion in bond authority to states and local governments for school infrastructure through two primary programs: a new Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) program and the expansion of the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) program. These are zero-interest, tax credit bond programs to provide a significant cost savings to school districts for construction and improvements. The Qualified School Construction Bond program provides Local Education Authorities with a method of funding construction/ repair/renovation of public school facilities or for land acquisition for a public school facility.



In Rockingham County, The Rockingham County Board of Education took advantage of the historic opportunity presented in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to move forward with the long-awaited rebuild of Douglass Elementary School in Eden. The original Douglass Elementary School was built in 1939. While the facility was renovated in the 50's, it still suffered from environmental hazards, such as asbestos.

The New Douglass Elementary School is a 77,000 square foot facility. Construction was around \$14 million, leveraged with \$10 million in QSCB bonds. New Douglass meets silver LEED certification, making it an energy efficient building, which will save the county money on annual utility costs, and has a state-of-the-art central heating and cooling system. The school's existing gym and auditorium will be renovated as part of the project.

Groundbreaking on the New Douglass Elementary school was on May 10, 2010. Construction on the school was complete July 2011. The renovations on the existing facilities will continue through late 2011, but the school opened for all students 423 students for the first day of the 2011 school year.



Appendix, Rockingham County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$12,527,113.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$689,500.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Rockingham Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$7,504,046.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Rockingham, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$259,363.25	\$0.00	
	ARRA - Head Start	Rockingham, County Of	P	\$122,226.00		\$0.00	\$122,226.00
Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Dalton Homes Inc	P	\$101,493.00		\$0.00	\$101,493.00
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	ARRA - Immunization	Rockingham, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$36,913.00	\$0.00	
Department of Agriculture	Business and Industry Loans	Various	L		\$1,080,000.00		
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$6,170,908.51		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Rockingham, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$814,300.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	New Reidsville Housing Authority, The	P	\$217,938.00		\$0.00	\$217,938.00
Department of Justice	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Eden, City Of	P	\$291,672.00		\$0.00	\$291,672.00
		Madison, Town Of	P	\$137,840.00		\$0.00	\$137,840.00
		Reidsville, City Of	P	\$287,472.00		\$0.00	\$287,472.00
		Stoneville, Town Of	P	\$100,835.00		\$0.00	\$100,835.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial	Eden, City Of	P	\$37,977.00		\$0.00	\$37,977.00

	Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government					
		Madison, Town Of	P	\$16,500.00		\$0.00
		Reidsville, City Of	P	\$10,418.00		\$0.00
				\$42,866.00		\$42,866.00
		Rockingham, County Of	P	\$47,942.00		\$0.00
	Recovery Act - Eward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Eden, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
		Reidsville, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$27,305.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$35,305.00	\$0.00
		Rockingham, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$11,651.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$525,000.40	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$525,000.40	\$0.00
		Stoneville, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$38,873,173.42	
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Eden, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$714,303.00	\$0.00
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Adams Construction Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
		Apac-Atlantic, Inc Thompson Arthur Division	PV	\$0.00	\$1,014,731.76	\$0.00
		Atlantic Contracting Company Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$1,712,661.00		\$0.00
				\$2,870,657.00		\$0.00
				\$870,044.00		\$0.00
				\$295,703.00		\$0.00
		W-L Construction & Paving Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
		W-L Construction & Paving, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
Federal Transit Administration	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Rockingham Council On Aging	S	\$0.00	\$46,575.00	\$0.00

Food and Nutrition Service	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Rockingham County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$33,619.88	\$0.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00 \$25,400.00
National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	Commonwealth Brands, Inc	S	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00
		JDC Manufacturing LLC	S	\$0.00	\$250,644.00	\$0.00
		Pine Hall Brick Co., Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$266,885.00	\$0.00
		Unifi, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$219,958.00	\$0.00
National Telecommunication and Information Administration	State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program	Rockingham, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$34,199.25	\$0.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Rockingham County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$63,191.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Bethany Community Middle School	S	\$0.00	\$118,424.00	\$0.00
		Rockingham Community College Foundation, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$410,389.77	\$0.00
		Rockingham County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$7,808,031.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Rockingham County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$1,670,567.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Rockingham County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$2,472,760.00	\$0.00
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Rockingham County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$117,928.00	\$0.00
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Bethany Community Middle School	S	\$0.00	\$53,662.72	\$0.00
		Rockingham County Schools	S	\$0.00	\$2,979,972.28	\$0.00
Office of the	No CFDA for	New Reidsville	P	\$217,938.00		\$0.00 \$0.00

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Contract type awards	Housing Authority, The				
Rural Business Cooperative Service	Rural Business Enterprise Grants - ARRA	Reidsville, City Of	P	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
Rural Housing Service	Community Facilities Loans and Grants		P	\$24,500.00	\$0.00	\$24,500.00
		Rockingham, County Of	P	\$0.00	\$1,889,000.00	\$1,889,000.00
				\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	Diamonds-N-Dust, Ltd	L		\$64,000.00	
		Sexton Family Chiropractic	L		\$10,000.00	
		Southern Screen Printing & Gra	L		\$5,000.00	
		Stat Mobile Imaging LLC	L		\$241,000.00	
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P	\$5,364,250.00		
Grand Total				\$7,581,682.00	\$72,900,511.64	\$22,240,159.00 \$14,410,325.46

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.